REMARKS

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Claims 1-26, as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002568 have been canceled, and new claims 17-53 have been added. In addition, Fig. 4 was amended to swap reference numerals 12 and 26 with one another to correct a minor error and to be consistent with the specification.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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